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## ABSTRACT

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A cutting unit (1, 31, 47, 51) for trimming sheet material (18, 44) such as paper or films, comprises a planar bed (3, 33, 53) for supporting the sheet material (18, 44). A bed is equipped on one side with a guillotine cutting device (4, 54) that has a pivotably mounted knife arm (6, 56) having a blade held thereon and a counterknife (9) held in stationary fashion on the bed (3, 33, 53). There is additionally provided a rotary cutting device (5, 35, 55) that has a knife carriage (14, 36, 61) displaceable on a guide bar (11, 35, 60) and a circular knife (15, 39) rotatably mounted thereon.